Honorable chair, fellow delegates,

The delegate of the United States of America (slight pause) feels honored (make word expressive) to be joining fellow delegates in this conference, and looks forward to a productive day. Delegates, you all may know a person who is strapped to a wheelchair, have heart or lung problems, or is mentally handicapped. Nowadays in developing countries, 80% to 90% of persons like those with disabilities are unemployed, whereas in industrialized countries the figure is between 50% and 70%. The official unemployment rate for persons with disabilities (slight pause) is at least twice (emphasize) than for those who have no disability, which means 15% (emphasize) of the world’s population, made up of disabled persons are unemployed and struggling to survive. Delegates as yourselves (waves hands around room, slight pause) may brush pass a disabled person in the street and not realize that they may be shunned by companies, desperate for food and money, and (emphasize) trying to endure discrimination directed against them just because of their disabilities. These persons are innocent, and should not be deprived of their rights as citizens just because of the way they were born, or an accident that had happened to them. The delegate of the United States of America hopes all the member states will work together to find a solution for discrimination against workers with disabilities, and return rights to all (emphasize) disabled persons.